

**Washington Horse Racing Commission
Policy Statement 2014-01**

Threshold levels – overages on amended substances.

WAC 260-70-630 addresses threshold levels for approved therapeutic substances in post-race samples. On June 13, 2014 the WHRC amended the threshold levels on several substances. The amendments to the WAC will become effective on July 14, 2014 and for the remainder of the 2014 racing season, the WHRC intends to use the time to educate both trainers and practicing veterinarians and allow them time to adjust to what dosage and treatment times are necessary in order to stay within acceptable levels.:

1. This policy addresses only those substances which had established thresholds in place prior to June 13, 2014 and are being lowered.
2. Any sample that is reported as a positive at a level above the new threshold, but below the previous threshold will be reported by the Equine Medical Director to the Board of Stewards.
3. The stewards will issue warnings to the trainer of record and maintain a record future reference of those given the warnings for the overages of the medication. Any further violations by the same trainer of the same substance will not be given warnings; normal penalties will be issued for those violations, but will be considered as a first offense.
4. The practicing veterinarian of the horse will be informed of the level reported.

This policy will remain in force through September 28, 2014.

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